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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 12, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Today, the United States, in solidarity with Spain, laments the many deaths and injuries inflicted upon innocent people by terrorists, and we pray with them some lines from Psalm 10.

Lord, do not stand aloof. Why hide in times of distress? Proudly have wicked people harassed Your afflicted ones. In his pride the wicked say, "He will not punish. There is no God." Such are his thoughts.

His mouth is full of cursing, guile, and deceit; mischief and disaster lie under his tongue. He lurks in hiding to seize the passerby. His eyes spy upon the unfortunate. He springs like a lion and murders the innocent.

Rise up, O Lord, lift up Your mighty arm. Forget not Your afflicted. You lovingly behold the misery and sorrow. Take them into Your hands.

Break the strength of the wicked and all evildoers. Be a strong defense for Your faithful ones. And be Lord over all nations as their Savior King forever and ever.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 3915. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through April 2, 2004, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 254. An act to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 411(b)(1)(B) of Public Law 108-16, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member

of the National Commission on Small Community Air Service:

Mayor Bob Corker of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

### APPOINTMENT OF HONORABLE MAC THORNBERRY TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS THROUGH MARCH 15, 2004

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 12, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through March 15, 2004.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointment is approved.

There was no objection.

### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. Trandahl, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3915. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 through April 2, 2004, and for other purposes.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2004, for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

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